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**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
January 9, 2006
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, David Glidden, Peter Haviland and Randy Robbins.
Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young and Treasurer Fred Berg.

Board approved Warrant #98& #99

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approve the December 27, 2005 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Board Approved 4-0 -1
(Peter Haviland abstained due to not being present at the meeting.)**

Changes to the Agenda

Peter Haviland reported that he had talked briefly with Harbor Master Dan Staples in regard to finding new members for the Harbor Committee. Peter would like a directive from the Board on the next step he should take. Harbormaster Dan Staples stated his major concern is that due to expanding aquaculture, and the new development, the committee needs to be active and start to review ordinances. The course Dan attended stated that it is not the job of the Harbormaster to get the committee going. Dan would like to see a pamphlet distributed to new residents describing the experience of living near a working waterfront. He mentioned the need for aerial photos of the coastline of Cushing from which mooring locations could be placed, and he emphasized that the job of Harbormaster is becoming more than a part time job for someone who also has a full time job. Selectman David Glidden reported that Assessor Daniel Remian was in the process of obtaining aerial photos of the town. Chairman Alton Grover asked Selectman Haviland to contact existing members and try and get a committee of five together to start to work on ordinances.

Selectman David Glidden asked for the Boards thoughts on moving the Tax Collector to the town office. At the last Selectmen's Meeting he had read a letter from Tax Collector Irene Vinal requesting the position stay at her home for one more year. Selectman Glidden stated that he felt that due to the software the town had purchased, people moving in to town and wanting more services, recommendation from MMA Insurance, and the fact that at the special town meeting the residents voted for the Community Center knowing that all of the town offices would be there, that the move should happen now. Resident Robert Ellis pointed out that at the special town meeting it was not the consensus of the townspeople to particularly have the tax collectors office at the Cushing Community Center, in fact, a lot of people objected to the move himself included. Resident Laurie Morse voiced her concern that Mrs. Vinal has worked for the town for years and she would hate to see her forced to move.

Selectman Peter Haviland stated that Mrs. Vinal should not be forced to be moved if she does not want to be. Selectperson Kim Young stated that she had talked to Mrs. Vinal and that she does not mind

coming down but is worried that it may happen too fast. Town Clerk Lisa Young emphasized that she would like to see the move happen slowly not rushed and unorganized. She noted that she would like to acquire software for her own position before adding tax collector duties, and that she is in the process of setting up a time when she can go to two area town offices to look at the Trio software program they have that may work for Cushing.

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to proceed with moving the Tax Collector to the Cushing Community Center, if prepared, by March 31, 2006. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman Glidden informed the board that on January 18, 2006 that a representative from Trio would be at the town office to clean up the tax collector program and at the next Selectmen's Meeting Robert Penley from Trio will be giving a presentation of the Trio software.

Old Business

Driveway Ordinance- Selectperson Kim Young passed out the updated ordinance to the selectmen and also to Judy Olson Chairman of the Ordinance Committee.

Ordinance Committee- At the beginning of discussion resident David Cobey requested that any discussion of the Ordinance Committee be tabled until next meeting so he could have legal counsel available. This was due to a vote of no confidence regarding David Cobey from the Ordinance Committee. Selectman Haviland stated that the committee was off on a "treacherous road" and that he was not sure how to cure it. He pointed out that it was important to have residents on the committee with different points of view and that if we loose that then the committee is missing or losing something. Selectman Haviland felt that no action should be taken for at least two months and that the committee should continue to work. Selectperson Kim Young agreed with Peter. She felt that the Board would be setting a dangerous precedence to vote off this committee member. She felt that a lot could be gained by David Cobey staying on the committee. Opinions from members of the Ordinance Committee feel that Mr. Cobey undermined the committee by e-mailing the Selectmen without discussing anything with the other members. Selectman Robbins feels that it is a procedural problem. He would like to see procedural guidelines be established and for the committee to operate within the guidelines. Any problems should be funneled through the chairman of the committee. Selectmen Glidden would like to see the Board get back to work. Selectmen David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to take no action at this time. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

No action was taken in regard to Ann Aaron's resignation from the Ordinance Committee. Selectman Peter Haviland will contact her.

Flu Clinic- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he contacted Kno-Wal-Lin and that the Town of Cushing is on the list for next year. They will contact the town sometime in the fall. Resident Laurie Morse stated that Dr. James Li of Friendship administers flu injections in Friendship and that he may be interested in combining with Cushing.

New Business

Selectman Randolph Robbins motioned, Selectperson Kim Young seconded, to have Laurie Morse take minutes for the Ordinance Committee and for other committees at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Assessment Review Board- Selectman David Glidden reported that they are looking for two alternate

members for the Assessment Review Board. Evelyn Kalloch was hoping that the alternates would be available before the January 19th meeting.

Selectman Glidden announced the following workshops: Planning Board workshop on the 12th at 6:30 pm., and a training session for Assessors and Assessors' Agent at 4:00pm attorney Lee Bragg will be in attendance. The Auditor will be at the Cushing Community Center to meet with the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer on February 1, 2006.

- Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young
Recording Secretary

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